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<b>Title:</b> Diagnostic Method for Diseases by Screening for hepcidin in Human or Animal Tissues, Blood or Body Fluids and Therapeutic Uses Thereof			<b>Examiner:</b> Charitta A. Burt

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for period of five month(s) to June 7, 2006.
2. A response in connection with this matter is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is a \_\_\_ small X large entity.
4. Authorization to charge \$2,160.00 deposit account #50-1943, the amount of the fee set forth by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) is attached.

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